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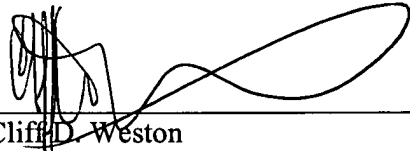
Claims 1-20 were pending, of which all claims are subject to a four-way restriction. Applicants elected claims 14-20 with traverse in the Response to Restriction Requirement filed via facsimile on 17 Oct 2002. The non-elected claims are canceled, reserving the right to pursue such claims in a divisional patent application.

The specification is amended herein to add a STATEMENT OF GOVERNMENT RIGHTS section and to insert a title to the related application data paragraph. Claims 14-18 are amended herein. Improperly-numbered claim "18a" is canceled and rewritten as new claim 21. New claims 22-28 are added, their subject matter finding support in the specification. No new matter is added. Claims 14-28 are now pending in the present application.

The Statement of Government Rights data was inadvertently omitted from the present application but was included in provisional application Serial No. 60/177,323, filed on January 21, 2000 (from which priority was claimed in the original Declaration). The omission from the present specification occurred through error and without deceptive intent.

The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at (503) 222-3613 if it appears that an interview would be helpful in advancing the case.

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